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PRESS RELEASE

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Nature of Event: Sheriff Hosting Community Awareness Academy
Location of Event: Placer County Sheriff's Department, Auburn

Released by: Dena Erwin, Community Services Officer (530) 889-6922

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

All citizens are invited to sign up for the Placer County Sheriff Department's seven-week Community Awareness Academy, which offers an inside look at the growing law enforcement agency.

Each Tuesday evening from October 5 until November 16, participants will hear from members of the department's special units and take "field trips" to the Placer County Jail and morgue, as well as the air operations hangar.

Classes are held at the Placer County Sheriff Department's main office from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The office is located at 11500 A Avenue in north Auburn's Dewitt Center.

The academy will kick off with a welcome by top sheriff's administrators and an overview of how the department works.

On subsequent evenings, presentations will be made by Air Operations, Search and Rescue, the Explosives Ordnance Detail, the Special Enforcement Team, investigations and the drug task force. There will also be a K-9 demonstration and an opportunity for participants to join in patrol scenarios.

The academy is intended to provide the citizens of Placer County with an overview of the Sheriff Department's functions, policies and procedures, as well as getting them involved in the community. The goal of the academy is to provide a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement's role in the community. Attendees must be at least 18 years of age.

Following the academy, attendees interested in becoming a sheriff's volunteer must attend a four-night training academy and must submit to a fingerprint and background check.

To reserve a spot, call Community Services Officer Dena Erwin at (530) 889-6922.

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